

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS.
Yesterday's bank clearings were \$11,250,000; balances, \$11,250,000. Local clearing rates were firm between 5 and 6 per cent. The domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 60c premium bid, 50c premium asked; Chicago, Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans, par bid, 50c premium asked. Wheat closed at 90c bid, 85c asked; No. 2, 70c bid, 65c asked; No. 2 red, 60c bid, 55c asked; No. 2 mixed, 55c bid, 50c asked; No. 2 mixed, 55c bid, 50c asked. The local market for spot cotton was 1-16c higher.

WASHINGTON.
More irregularities are developed in the Post-Office investigation. Authority is said to have been grossly exceeded in the award for time clocks. Charges of favoritism in the rural-delivery department are also made.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.
John H. Schettler, former member of the House of Delegates, who was convicted of bribery, was sentenced by Judge Douglas yesterday to four years in the Penitentiary.

Mrs. John Poutney, who eloped to Clayton, gave the wrong name to the marriage record clerk, and as a result her marriage certificate has been changed to read Mamie Rucker, instead of Mamie Richards.

Promoters of the St. Louis Hillsboro and Southern Railroad, which contemplates building a heavy freight line by trolley between St. Louis and Jefferson County points, asked the St. Louis County Board to extend time of its franchise provisions one year.

Michael Gerber was held responsible for the death of an infant, whose body was found in a cradle, where he had fallen asleep while drinking.

Louis Helfrich, a carpenter, fell 15 feet from a building and lived three hours.

Decisions were handed down in the United States Court of Appeals.

Deputy Sheriff Thomas Quinn, recently acquitted of a murder charge, was held for murdering Mrs. Adolph Krinold with a pistol.

Blarney Castle and fragment of kissing stone will be shown at Irish Fair which opens to-night at the Coliseum.

Transit Company loops at the World's Fair site are completed.

Father Harry of St. Leo's Church, St. Louis, was mentioned in cablegrams from Rome as the probable new Archbishop of Manila.

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Barbara Diel will take place this morning at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Ohio may have four regiments in Dedication Parade.

The Civic Improvement League and school principals planned to have the school children assist in cleaning the city, and give prizes to those doing the best work.

Two hundred and fifty-one deaths were reported for the week, being nine in excess of the previous week, establishing a rate of eighteen to 1,000.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.
Hugh O. Pentecost declares that marriage and child bearing among the poor and ignorant is a crime against the race, and he sharply attacked President Roosevelt's "race suicide" utterances.

Governor Dockery signs the general appropriation bill.

The heavy rains of the last few weeks have greatly delayed the plowing of Texas in putting in their spring crops.

William Vallance, known as the "Lightning Calculator," died suddenly at his home in Trenton, N. J., after a week's illness of some kind, possibly due to have been caused by mental strain.

Frank Hush of Erie, Ill., shot and killed his wife while on their way to church, and then committed suicide. He was temporarily deranged.

Nine section heads die of a strange disease in Rice County, Kansas. It is supposed to be an outbreak of the bubonic plague, and the State Health Board has sent a physician to investigate.

The Jefferson Memorial Association gives a dinner at Washington, Senator Hoar and W. J. Bryan being among the speakers.

May cotton seeds at 30c cents on the New York Exchange, and the bulls, who are in complete control of the market, now talk of 11-cent cotton.

Omaha police officials believe that they have discovered evidence of wife-murder. They are searching for the woman's body and for her husband, who has disappeared.

FOREIGN.
Eighty skeletons are found in the Spanish warship Reina Christina when it is raised at Cavite.

President Loubet arrives at Marseilles on the way to Algeria. Some Socialists and Radicals cause disturbances in the course of the parade, and several arrests are made.

Marine Intelligence.
New York, April 12—Arrived: Ivernia, Liverpool; Moltke, Naples; Purness, Glasgow; Zealand, from Antwerp; Statendam, Rotterdam.

Gibraltar, April 12—Arrived: Trave, New York.

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Gibraltar, April 12—Passed: Cambrian, Naples and Genoa, for Boston.

Sagres, April 12—Passed: Masalia, New York; Gibraltar for orders; Sicilian Prince, New York for Naples, Genoa, etc.

Paw Point, April 12—Passed: Minnesota, New York for London.

London, April 12—Arrived: Cambrian, Boston.

Glasgow, April 12—Arrived: Columbia, New York.

Glasgow, April 12—Sailed: Montevideo, Montreal.

Gibraltar, April 12—Passed: Umbria, Naples and Naples, for New York.

St. Louis, April 12—Weimar, Genoa and Naples for New York; Roma, New York for Naples.

Cherbourg, April 12—Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, New York; Plymouth for Bremen (and proceeded).

Cherbourg, April 12—Sailed: Grosener Kurstier (from Bremen); Antwerp; Hermion, Tacoma and San Francisco, via Central and South American ports for Hamburg.

LOOPS ARE READY FOR THE DEDICATION

Transit Company Officials Maintain They Will Now Be Able to Handle Crowds.

FENCES FORMIDABLE BARRIERS

Small Boys Who Seek to Evade Admission Fee Will Encounter Difficulties—Five Hundred Guards.

The Transit Company loops at the World's Fair site, which have been put in to supply track facilities for the handling of the Dedication Day crowds, are now ready for use. Until this week but one loop at De Balve and De Oliveville avenues was constructed. The second is now completed.

The loops at Skinker road, where a temporary track crossing the land of the Park View Realty Company have been built, and on the southern side of the Fair grounds also are ready. The Transit officials continue to maintain that, with these added facilities, they will be able to handle the crowds.

The fence surrounding the site is almost completed. This will afford more than the usual obstacles to the small boy who seeks to avoid the admission fee among the "recovered admissions" and to avoid the payment of the fee required.

The fence will be topped with three barbed-wire strands, very closely barbed. The wire is procured with the intent that it will be difficult to climb over. A rifle with a bayonet, on the end of which is a small electric bell, will be used by the club of the officer in the best.

Nevertheless, the boys will have a large space in which to operate. The Fair site is approximately two miles long and one mile wide. This means about six miles of fence. The majority of the guards must be stationed near the entrance and where the crowds are thickest.

EIGHTY SKELETONS FOUND IN RAISED SPANISH WARSHIP.

They Probably Will Be Sent to Spain for Burial—Evidence That the Ship Was Sunk.

Manila, April 12.—The warship Reina Christina, flagship of Admiral Montojo, which was sunk by Admiral Dewey, was floated and beached yesterday.

The skeletons of about eighty of her crew were found in the bulk. One skeleton was evidently that of an officer, for it had a sword by its side.

There are fifteen shell holes in the hull of the Reina Christina, one made by a 6-inch and the others small.

The main injection valve is missing, showing the ship was sunk when abandoned. The hull is in fair condition.

Captain Albert R. Couden, commanding the naval station at Cavite, took charge of the skeletons of the sailors, expressing the desire to give them an American naval funeral.

Spanish residents, however, are anxious to ship the skeletons to Spain, and it is suggested that the United States transport Summer convey them to Spain by way of the Suez Canal in June.

A wrecking company is endeavoring to raise all the sunken Spanish warships.

COLE COUNTY JURORS CLINCH AN INDICTMENT AGAINST ONE BOODLER.

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to-morrow, when it is expected several witnesses will be called. Most of them were here today. They include Senators Schuch, Laub, Collins and Sartorius of St. Louis; Morton of Richmond; Martin of St. Louis; Matthews of St. Louis and Castello of De Kalb County, and former Senator Orchard of West Plains and Haynes of St. Joseph. All of them did in various terms any knowledge of boozing.

The reported statement of the Lieutenant Governor has aroused much curiosity, though all of the Senators claim indifference as to its contents. "For my part," said Senator Morton of Ray, "I don't care what he may say if he tells the truth, but he does that I know I won't suffer by anything he may tell."

Senator Martin made a quick trip to St. Louis yesterday, which has aroused some comment. He left here after a few hours' stay and took the afternoon train back to St. Louis.

Colonel William H. Phelps and had a conference with him.

Martin then came back to Jefferson City on an early night train, and was ready to appear before the Grand Jury to-day.

"Lieutenant Governor Lee did not ask me to send out those letters and he did not furnish me the lists of physicians," Martin said this afternoon. "I know nothing of money being spent on legislation."

Martin's letters have swelled in importance since the Grand Jury began their work. The Fair is the subject of all reference to them as a work of art and ample justification for the positions which they took against the repeal bill.

"Early in the session I asked my wife about alibi bakers," explained Senator Schuch of St. Louis, to-day. "She said she didn't know anything about it. I heard Martin read those letters, my mind was made up. Of course, alibi is for the system."

NOTHING STRANGE ABOUT SCHOENLAUB'S \$500 BILL.

Senator Schoenlaub makes no bones of the \$500 bill which was changed by Joseph Haged of the Central Hotel.

"I'll tell you how that was," he said. "I owed a man named Porter, at the Madison House, about \$300."

"He had a \$500 bill that's nothing strange," he said, "and asked Senator Sartorius to change it for me, as I was not going down to breakfast. We got Haged to go over to the bank for him. When I came down Senator Sartorius and I stepped back a little, and he counted out the change to me. We didn't divide any money—it was all mine."

Senator Sartorius confirmed Schoenlaub's explanation. "That's what we will tell the Grand Jury," he said. "There was no divide for me, and I don't like it intimated that I was in any deal of that sort."

Senator Farris was re-enforced by the appearance of his father, Captain J. W. Farris of Lebanon, this noon. Senator Farris came to testify to-morrow. Farris came to testify to-morrow. Farris came to testify to-morrow.

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